

PE Review including use of Sports Premium Grant

For the academic year 2019-20 the government have given extra funding to schools to be spent on sport in school. The aim is to increase sport provision for children and also to improve the quality of the provision they receive.

As a result of the funding we have been able to establish an enriching experience for the children of Fair Field, including a PE coach; courses for staff; new table tennis tables & gym equipment, new competition team wear; access to competitions and festivals and tennis and swimming lessons with specialist coaches. This has allowed us to promote healthy & active lifestyles and improve PE provision & opportunities.

Last academic year it was decided that the rollover of surplus expenditure would be used to support one of the schools' areas for development – competitive sporting opportunities and increasing participation in sport.

Prior to lockdown, we ran eight active clubs for the children at lunchtime, none of which were chargeable to the parents - therefore making them accessible to all. These clubs offered a broad range of activities from basketball to speed stacking and rotated on a half termly basis both in terms of activities and children to allow maximum participation across Autumn and Spring.

All initiatives that are funded through the Sports Premium are embedded into the school by moving them into the budget or maintaining them, to ensure the opportunities are sustainable for the children.

This is how Fair Field spent £20,390 of the £23,290 it had available for the academic year 2019-2020.

Due to COVID-19, £2,900 has been carried forward into 2020/21. We also reallocated money to increase our spend on games facilitators and sports services to increase opportunities in June and July, following the reopening of schools, to place a greater focus on fitness and well-being. Equally, we purchased more equipment including resources for golf, cricket and other sports that can be played whilst maintaining social distancing.

Description	£
Lunchtime games facilitators	3,800
Sport services (incl. Teaching Assistant CPD)	5,031
SSP competition package	1,648
Swimming lessons	3,581
Tennis lessons	372
Competitions (equipment, kit, preparation, transport, staff costs incl cover)	2,735
Equipment for playtime	2,341
Equipment for PE lessons	712
Medals & trophies	168
	20,388

So far the impact of the expenditure has been very visible. Last year we attended the highest number of events in our Partnership and were highly commended for our participation in competitive sport, receiving the kitemark. The school teams in hockey, athletics, speed-stacking, panathlon and gymnastics were all due to attend the County Finals to represent the Watford & Hertsmere partnership. Having a wide range of equipment, including specialist equipment, has meant an increased standard of curriculum lessons and allowed the teams to attend competitions well prepared. The children have reported that their return to school was active and they felt engaged with the amount of sport on offer. Equally, the tennis at Radlett Tennis Club has built sustainable foundations in core skills which we have seen continue into this years' curriculum. The emphasis on team wear, trophies and medals has also helped to raise the profile of sport considerably at Fair Field, alongside allowing the children to feel proud of their achievements.

This is how Fair Field intend to use the £21,140 they have to spend this year (£18,240 in-year income plus £2,900 carry forward).

Description	£
Lunchtime games facilitators	3,800
Sport services (incl. Teaching Assistant CPD)	4,724
SSP competition package	824
Swimming lessons	4,000
Tennis lessons	2,000
Competitions (equipment, kit, preparation, transport, staff costs incl cover)	1,750
Equipment for playtime	1,750
Equipment for PE lessons	2,000
Medals & trophies	300
	21,148

There will be a greater emphasis on intra (internal) school sport and virtual competition entry, which is why we anticipate we will have significant expenditure on sports services. We are hopeful we will return to swimming and tennis in the Spring term.